

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 8, 11, and 19 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An inhalation device for use with a medicament pack having a plurality of containers for containing medicament in powder form wherein the containers are spaced along the length of and defined between two peelable sheets secured to each other, said inhalation device comprising:

an opening station for receiving a[t least one of the plurality of] container[s] of a medicament pack being used with said inhalation device;

means positioned to engage [the] peelable sheets [for peeling apart the peelable sheets] of a container which has been received in [at] said opening station for peeling apart the peelable sheets, to open ^{such a} ~~the~~ [at least one] container;

an outlet, positioned to be in communication with [the] an opened [one of the] container[s], through which a user can ^{such an} ~~the~~ inhale the medicament in powder form from ~~the~~ opened container; and

indexing means for indexing [each of said plurality of containers in turn] in communication with said outlet containers of a medicament pack in use with said inhalation device.

13 ~~8~~. (Twice Amended) An inhalation device for opening a medicament pack having a plurality of containers for containing medicament in powder form wherein the containers are defined between an elongate base sheet and an elongate lid sheet peelably secured to each other with the base sheet having a plurality of pockets therein, said inhalation device comprising:

an opening station for receiving a[t least one of the plurality of] container[s] of a medicament pack being used with said inhalation device;

[a] peeling means positioned to engage [the] a base sheet and a lid sheet of a container which has been received in [sheets for peeling apart the base sheet and the lid sheet at] said opening station for peeling apart ^{such a} ~~the~~ base sheet and lid sheet, to open [at least one of said plurality of] ^{such a} ~~the~~ container[s], said peeling means including lid driving means for pulling apart a [the] lid sheet [apart from the] and a base sheet of a container that has been received at said opening station;

an outlet, positioned to be in communication with [the] an opened [one of the] container[s], through which a user can inhale ~~the~~ medicament in powder form from ^{such an} ~~said~~ opened container; and

[an] indexing means for indexing [each of the plurality of containers in turn] in communication with said outlet con-

tainers of a medicament pack in use with said inhalation device,
said indexing means including

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a rotatable index wheel having recesses therein, said index wheel being engagable with a [the] medicament pack in use with said inhalation device such that said recesses each receive a respective [one of the] pocket[s] of a base sheet of a medicament pack in use with said inhalation device, said index wheel and lid driving means being interconnected by a slipping clutch so that the rotation of one correlates with the rotation of the other.

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16. (Twice Amended) An inhalation device for opening a medicament pack having a plurality of containers for containing medicament in powder form wherein the containers are defined between an elongate base sheet and an elongate lid sheet peelably secured to each other with the base sheet having a plurality of pockets therein, said inhalation device comprising:

an opening station for receiving a[t least one of the plurality of] container[s] of a medicament pack being used with said inhalation device;

[a] peeling means positioned to engage [the] a base sheet and a lid sheet of a container which has been received in [sheets for peeling apart the base sheet and the lid sheet at] ^{such a} said opening station for peeling apart the base sheet and lid
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container that has been received at said opening station;

an outlet, positioned to be in communication with [the]
an opened [one of the] container[s], through which a user can
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[an] indexing means for indexing [each of the plurality
of containers in turn] in communication with said outlet con-
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said indexing means including

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with said inhalation device such that said recesses each receive
a respective [one of the] pocket[s] of a base sheet of a medica-
ment pack in use with said inhalation device, said index wheel
and lid driving means being interconnected by a slipping clutch
so that the rotation of one correlates with the rotation of the
other; and

said lid driving means comprising a wheel on which a
[said] lid sheet of a medicament pack in use with said inhalation
device is wound up, said wheel having a winding surface which
decreases in diameter when tension in said lid sheet increases.

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5 ~~18~~. (Twice Amended) A device according to claim ~~18~~⁴, further comprising resilient coil-formers for holding in coiled form [the elongate] at least one of: (i) a medicament pack being used with said inhalation device and[/or]; (ii) a base sheet of a container which has been received in said opening station.

R E M A R K S

This patent application presently includes Claims 1-21, all of which stand rejected. The claims are amended to define the applicants' invention more precisely, and all rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 8, 11 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as indefinite. The examiner stated specific grounds for the rejection of each of these claims. It is believed that all of the grounds of rejection are overcome with the present amendment, as explained more fully below.

The examiner has taken the position that there are inconsistencies between the preambles of the claims and certain portions of the bodies of the claims, which render the scope of the claims indefinite. The undersigned therefore states unequivocally that it is not the applicant's intention to incorporate the medicament pack or any of its elements as a component of any